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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

REF: (A) STATE 26795, (B) STATE 67338

SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS INQUIRED CONCERNING US ATTITUDE AND POSITION ON SSOD AND I RESPONDED USING GUIDANCE IN REF B. WILLS SAID DISARMAMENT WAS IMPORTANT TO GUYANA. HE DOES NOT FAVOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WILLS APPEARS INCLINED TO COOPERATE WITH THE US IN FACILITATING ACCOMMODATION AT THE SSOD AND HAS ASKED WHAT ROLE THE US ENVISIONS THAT THE GOG COULD PLAY IN THE SSOD. END SUMMARY.

1. AT HIS REQUEST, I MET WITH FONMIN WILLS APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS THE UN SSOD. WILLS DESCRIBED DISARMAMENT AS ONE OF GUYANA'S "GUT INTERESTS" AND SAID THAT A WAY MUST BE FOUND TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS BEFORE EVEN UNARMED STATES, LIKE GUYANA, ARE BLOWN UP. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD URGED
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GUYANA TO SUPPORT A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AFTER THE SSOD. WILLS SAID HE WAS RELUCTANT TO HAVE THE DISARMAMENT TALKS MOVE OUT OF THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN. WILLS INQUIRED CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES POSITION, AND ASKED WHAT ROLE THE US ENVISIONED IN DISARMAMENT FOR GUYANA AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

2. USING THE POINTS IN PARA 4, REF B, I EXPLAINED THE US POSITION TO WILLS. I ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT WE HOPED THAT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WOULD NOT MAKE EXTREME DEMANDS AGAINST THE MAJOR POWERS, AND REMINDED HIM THAT EACH NATION CONSIDERS ITS SECURITY TO BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. I EMPHASIZED THAT OUR GOAL WAS TO PROMOTE ACCOMMODATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AT THE SSOD. I TOLD HIM I HOPED GUYANA WOULD WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE SSOD TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK GOES SMOOTHLY. I URGED THAT THE GOG TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE PERSPECTIVE FROM WHICH THE US WOULD VIEW THE VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVED IN DISARMAMENT. WE AGREED I WOULD CONTINUE PROVIDING WILLS WITH PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF US OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. COMMENT: THE SUBJECT OF THE SSOD HAD COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS WITH WILLS IN FEBRUARY AND IN MARCH, BUT UNTIL NOW WILLS DID NOT SEEM TO FOCUS ON THE SUBJECT AND MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS, EXCEPT TO SAY IT WAS SOMETHING HE WANTED TO DISCUSS LATER. I PRESUME THAT HIS INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER AT TIME TIME WAS CRYSTALLIZED BY THE REQUEST BY SYG WALDHEIM FOR PREPCON MEMBER STATES TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS BY MID-APRIL.

4. IT APPEARS THAT WILLS IS JUST NOW BEGINNING TO DEVELOP AN OFFICIAL GOG POSITION. AS HE HAS ASKED WHAT ROLE THE US BELIEVES GUYANA COULD PLAY, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL POINTS THAT I MADE. I WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE THE DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE
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CONCERNING WHAT THE GOG COULD DO TO BE HELPFUL ON DISARMAMENT.
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